GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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WELFARE FUND FOR INDIANS WORKING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Welfare Fund envisaged for the benefit of emigrants has now been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the details of the measures taken to ensure the safety and security of Indians working abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Ministry has set up an Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) to provide funding support to the Indian Missions in the 17 ECR Countries for meeting contingency expenditure incurred by the Missions for the welfare of Indian workers who are in distress.The ICWF envisages providing a host of welfare measures such as boarding and lodging for stranded overseas Indian workers,transportation of the mortal remains,emergency medical care,air passage to stranded overseas Indians, etc.